# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency 2. Fiscal Year

Office of the United States Trade Representative 2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee No. 3b. GSA Committee No.

Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee 1979

4. Is this New During Fiscal 5. Current 6. Expected Renewal 7. Expected Term

Year? Charter Date Date

No 09/27/2017 09/27/2019

8a. Was Terminated During 8b. Specific Termination 8c. Actual Term

FiscalYear? Authority Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next10a. Legislation Reg to 10b. Legislation

FiscalYear Terminate? Pending?
Continue No Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment 13. Effective 14. Committee 14c.

Authority Date Type Presidential?

19 U.S.C. 2155 03/25/1994 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

16b. Report

Report Title

Date

TEPAC Report on a Trade Agreement with Mexico and Potentially

09/27/2018 Can

Canada

#### **Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1**

## 17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 33 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 33 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: updates on the state of NAFTA Renegotiations.	10/06/2017	- 10/06/2017
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: updates on the state of NAFTA Renegotiations.	10/14/2017	- 10/15/2017
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: updates on the Peru illegal logging issue.	10/18/2017	- 10/18/2017
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: updates on the state of NAFTA Renegotiations.	10/20/2017	- 10/20/2017
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: update on the WTO tuna/dolphin-safe labelling dispute.	10/26/2017	- 10/26/2017
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: NAFTA, WTO, Korea Update	11/06/2017	- 11/06/2017

The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: updates on the state of NAFTA Renegotiations.	11/19/2017 - 11/20/2017
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: updates on the state of NAFTA Renegotiations.	11/30/2017 - 11/30/2017
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: NAFTA - Gender, TBT, GRP, SOE, IP, Investment, Digital Trade	01/25/2018 - 01/25/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: NAFTA - Telecom, Goods, Labor, Agriculture, Sectorals.	01/26/2018 - 01/26/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: NAFTA, China Scrap Trade Restrictions.	02/01/2018 - 02/01/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: updates on the Peru illegal logging issue.	02/15/2018 - 02/15/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: updates on the state of NAFTA Renegotiations.	02/21/2018 - 02/21/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: NAFTA - Labor, Goods, Agriculture, GP, TBT, Investment.	03/02/2018 - 03/02/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: NAFTA - CBTS, Trade Remedies, Temp Entry, IP, Textiles, Digital Trade, Telecom.	03/03/2018 - 03/03/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: NAFTA.  The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: Section 301.	03/08/2018 - 03/08/2018 03/23/2018 - 03/23/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: US-UK Trade Investment Working Group.	03/27/2018 - 03/27/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: Advisor Security, KORUS, and NAFTA.	04/19/2018 - 04/19/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: NAFTA, TPF India Intercessional, WTO Digital Trade Initiative, GSP, and OGC Enforcement.	05/17/2018 - 05/17/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: NAFTA, OECD Ministerial, U.SU.K Trade Investment Working Group, China, OGC Update.	06/14/2018 - 06/14/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: NAFTA, U.SU.K Trade Investment Working Group, and India update.	07/19/2018 - 07/19/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues: NAFTA, US-UK Trade Investment Working Group, India Update.	07/19/2018 - 07/19/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed on the WTO, the Peru Promotion Agreement and to receive updates on the NAFTA negotiations.	07/24/2018 - 07/24/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: NAFTA, U.SU.K Trade Investment Working Group, European Union, Japan, and KORUS.	08/23/2018 - 08/23/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed on the following issues, including: updates on the state of NAFTA renegotiations.	08/27/2018 - 08/27/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed on the following issues, including: updates on the state of NAFTA renegotiations.	08/31/2018 - 08/31/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed on the following issues, including: updates on the state of the agreement with Mexico and Canada (USMCA) and chapter specific briefings including: Textiles and Apparel, Agriculture, Rules of Origin, Origin Procedures, SME.	09/14/2018 - 09/14/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed on the following issues, including: updates on the state of the agreement with Mexico and Canada (USMCA) and chapter specific briefings including: Government Procurement, SPS, Trade Remedies, Dispute Settlement, Annexes, Energy, and Investment.	09/17/2018 - 09/17/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed on the following issues, including: updates on the state of the agreement with Mexico and Canada (USMCA) and chapter specific briefings including: CBTS, Temp Entry, Competition Policy, IP, Digital Trade, Telecom, Financial Services.	09/18/2018 - 09/18/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed on the following issues, including: updates on the state of the agreement with Mexico and Canada (USMCA) and chapter specific briefings including: SOE, Labor, Environment, Customs and Trade Facilitation, Market Access for Goods.	09/19/2018 - 09/19/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed on the following issues, including: updates on FDA Certificate of Free Sale Program, Philippines, GSP, US-UK, European Union, China, Notorious Markets Update.	09/20/2018 - 09/20/2018
The Committee members met to be briefed on the following issues, including: updates on the state of the agreement with Mexico and Canada (USMCA) and chapter specific briefings including: Energy, Labor, Environment, ISDS, and Peru Issues.	09/21/2018 - 09/21/2018

### **Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 33**

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$21,900.00 \$26,280.00	
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$21,900.00 \$26,280.00	
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.20	0.20

### 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The TEPAC's purpose is to advise and provide information to USTR on issues concerning trade policy and the environment.

### 20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The TEPAC shall consist of not more than 35 members, including but not limited to representatives from environmental interest groups, industry (including the environment technology and environmental services industries), agriculture, services, non-federal governments, and consumer interests. The TEPAC shall be broadly representative of key sectors and groups of the economy with an interest in trade and environment policy issues.

### 20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee will meet as needed at the call of the U.S. Trade Representative or his/her designee, depending on various factors such the level of activity of trade negotiations and the needs of the members of the TEPAC.

## 20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

TEPAC is the only private sector group that is dedicated to providing trade sensitive advice on policy and negotiations from the environmental perspective.

## 20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

In order to receive the most informed advice possible the advisory committee members are regularly briefed on U.S. strategies and bargaining positions. (this information is highly

### 21. Remarks

## **Designated Federal Officer**

## Molly Foley DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Block, Joseph	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti (Retired Partner)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Block, Kitty	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	Vice President, Humane Society International	Representative Member
Callahan, Kateri	10/13/2017	02/21/2018	Alliance to Save Energy	Representative Member
Colvin, Jake	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	Executive Director for Global Innovation Forum; Vice President for Global Trade Issues	Representative Member
DiLeva, Charles	10/13/2017	11/06/2017	Environmental Law Institute	Representative Member
Dick, Vanessa	11/11/2015	10/13/2017	World Wildlife Fund	Representative Member
Donovan, Richard	09/18/2016	10/13/2017	Rainforest Alliance	Representative Member
Downes, Azzedine	e 10/16/2017	09/27/2019	International Fund for Animal Welfare	Representative Member
Jacobson, Lisa	10/13/2017	09/27/2019	U.S. Council for Sustainable Energy	Representative Member
Karpatkin, Rhoda	09/27/2015	10/13/2017	Consumer's Union	Representative Member
Kennedy, Norine	10/13/2017	09/27/2019	U.S. Council for International Business	Representative Member
Lischewski, Chris	10/16/2017	06/08/2018	Bumble Bee	Representative Member
Lonardo, Joseph	10/13/2017	09/27/2019	Vorys LLP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mayhew, Amanda	10/16/2017	12/04/2018	Senior Advisor for Trade Policy	Representative Member
Prickett, Glenn	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Robinson, Peter	09/27/2015	10/13/2017	U.S. Council for International Business	Representative Member
Salzman, James	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	University of California, Santa Barbara	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schott, Jeffrey	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Business	Representative Member
Sharpless, Andrew	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	CEO, Oceana	Representative Member
Siegel, Adam	09/27/2015	10/13/2017	Retail Industry Leaders Association	Representative Member
Slover, George	10/13/2017	09/27/2019	Consumer's Union	Representative Member
Smith, Francis	09/27/2015	10/13/2017	Competative Enterprise Institute	Representative Member
Snape, William	09/27/2015	10/13/2017	Endangered Species Coalition	Representative Member
Squires, Cindy	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	International Wood Products Association	Representative Member
Tripp, James	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	Environmental Defense Fund	Representative Member
Von Bismarck, Alexander	10/16/2017	09/27/2019	Environmental Investigation Agency	Representative Member
Ward, Justin	10/16/2017	06/14/2018	Conservation International	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 27** 

## **Narrative Description**

The TEPAC advises and provides information to USTR on issues concerning trade and the environment.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies	
Improvements to health or safety		
Trust in government	✓	
Major policy changes	✓	
Advance in scientific research		
Effective grant making		
Improved service delivery		
Increased customer satisfaction		
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	✓	
Other		
Outcome Comments		
N/A		
What are the cost savings associated with this committee?		
	Checked if Applies	
None	✓	
Unable to Determine		
Under \$100,000		
\$100,000 - \$500,000		
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000		
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000		
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000		
Over \$10,000,000		
Cost Savings Other		
Cost Savings Comments		
N/A		
What is the approximate <u>Number</u> of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?		
16		
Number of Recommendations Comments		

The committee and its members prepare both formal and informal verbal and written recommendations throughout the year.

What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

## % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The recommendations are with regard to trade policy decisions. The issues are broad and consensus even within the committee is not guaranteed.

What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Partially</u> implemented by the agency?

94%

## % of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The recommendations are with regard to trade policy decisions. The issues are broad and consensus even within the committee is not guaranteed.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

## **Agency Feedback Comments**

We provide oral and written feedback to advice and recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Reorganized Priorities
Reallocated resources
Issued new regulation
Proposed legislation
Approved grants or other payments
Other

#### **Action Comments**

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

#### **Grant Review Comments**

NA

## How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	✓
Online Agency Web Site	✓
Online Committee Web Site	✓
Online GSA FACA Web Site	✓
Publications	✓
Other	

## **Access Comments**

N/A